

REMARKS

Again, please note the new attorney docket number which is "AZZOLINI=1", and please change the PTO records in this regard. Attached hereto is a Revocation and New Power of Attorney for this application.

The Office Action mailed August 4, 2006, has been carefully reviewed. The only claims remaining in the application are those claims indicated as being allowable, namely claims 2 and 5-29, and so the present application should now be in condition for allowance consistent with what is stated in the Official Action. Early formal allowance is therefore earnestly solicited.

Claims 2, 3 and 5-29 have only been objected to by the PTO.

On page 3 of the Office Action, the examiner indicates that these claims would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Applicant accordingly understands that these claims are deemed by the PTO to define novel and unobvious subject matter under sections 102 and 103, and to otherwise meet all requirements for patentability.

Accordingly, claim 2 has now been rewritten in independent form, and in addition incorporating the subject matter of claim 3. Therefore, claim 2 and all the claims which depend therefrom, namely claims 5-26, should now all be in condition for formal allowance.

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Claim 27 has also now been rewritten in independent form. Accordingly, it and the claims which depend therefrom, i.e. claims 28 and 29, should also now be in condition for formal allowance.

The only rejected claim was claim 1 which has now been deleted, without prejudice, in favor of the remaining claims. Applicant reserves the right, should applicant wish to exercise such right, to pursue claim 1 and/or similar claims in a continuing application without any penalty whatsoever, and with full reliance on sections 120 and 119.

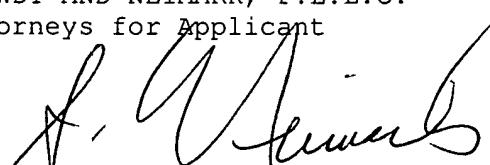
As the only remaining claims are indicated as being allowable, the present application should now be in condition for formal allowance.

Applicant believes that it should be clear that all issues raised in the Office Action have been addressed above in a manner favorable to allowance of the present application. Accordingly, applicant respectfully requests favorable consideration and early formal allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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